



SC Annual School  
Report Card  
Summary

Byrd Elementary  
AIKEN COUNTY  
Grades: PK-5 Enrollment: 789  
Principal: J. Russell Gunter  
Superintendent: Dr. Elizabeth Everitt  
Board Chair: Mrs. Rosemary B. English

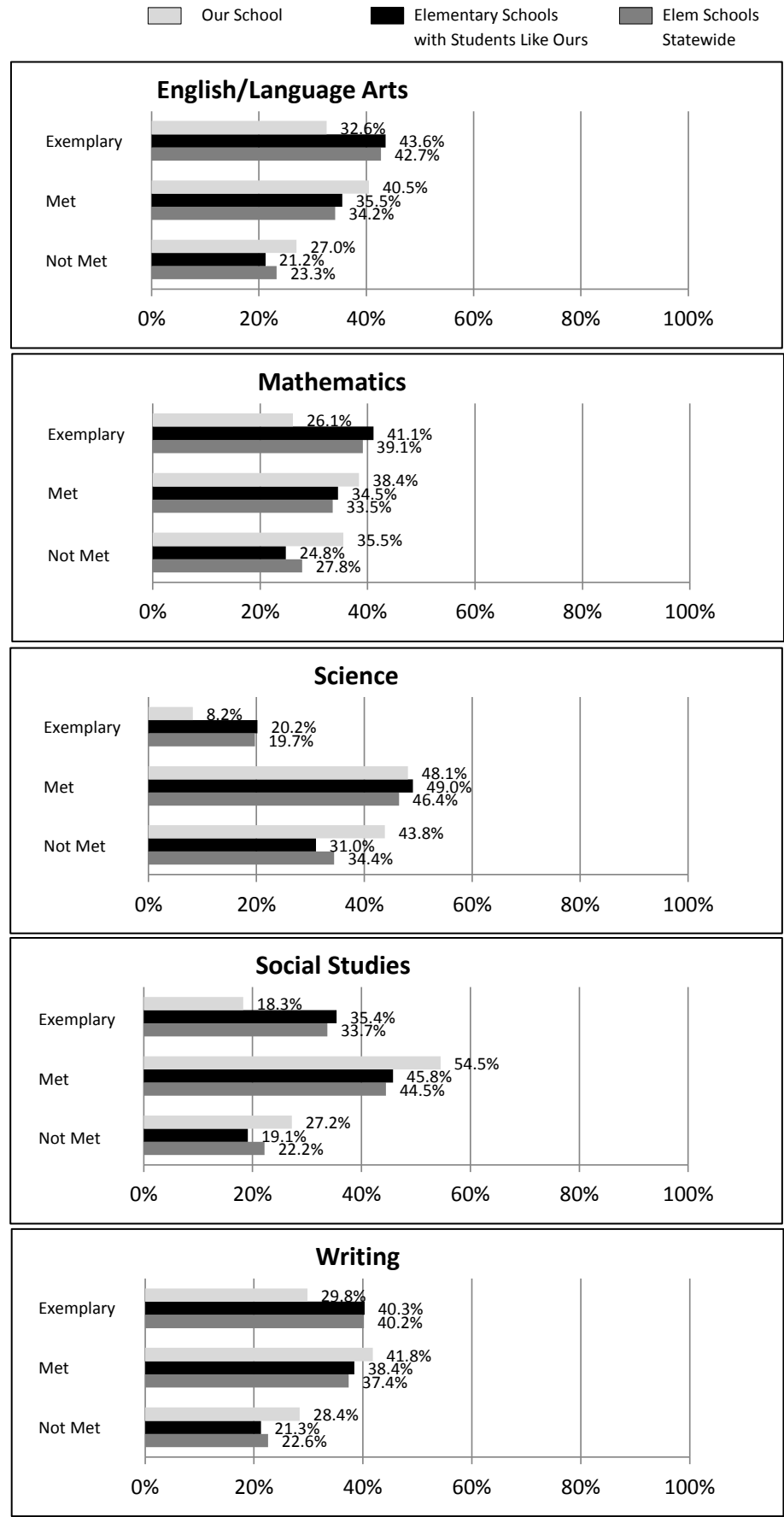
PERFORMANCE		Comprehensive detail, including definitions of ratings, performance criteria, and explanations of status, is available on <a href="http://www.ed.sc.gov">www.ed.sc.gov</a> and <a href="http://www.eoc.sc.gov">www.eoc.sc.gov</a> as well as school and school district websites. Printed versions are available from school districts upon request.				
YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		ESEA/FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM	
			General Performance	Closing the Gap	ESEA Grade	Accountability Indicator
2014	Average	Average	TBD	TBD	C	N/A
2013	Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	D	N/A
2012	Average	Good	SILVER	N/A	A	Reward

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
31	54	36	2	1

\* Ratings are calculated with data available by 04/27/2015. Schools with Students Like Ours are Elementary Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

SC PASS PERFORMANCE



NAEP\*

\*Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



SC PERFORMANCE VISION

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

Abbreviations Key

N/A-Not Applicable N/AV-Not Available N/C-Not Collected N/R-Not Reported I/S-Insufficient Sample TBD-To Be Determined

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary Schools
Students (n = 789)				
Retention rate	1.2%	Down from 1.3%	1.0%	1.0%
Attendance rate	96.6%	Up from 96.2%	96.4%	96.5%
Served by gifted and talented program	5.6%	Down from 5.7%	7.7%	7.3%
With disabilities	6.7%	Up from 6.2%	13.4%	12.5%
Older than usual for grade	2.1%	Down from 3.0%	2.1%	1.8%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 44)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	59.1%	Down from 60.0%	60.9%	62.3%
Continuing contract teachers	86.4%	Down from 86.7%	83.9%	81.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	93.2%	Up from 92.9%	89.7%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	93.6%	Down from 94.4%	95.4%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$48,411	Down 1.5%	\$48,402	\$47,902
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	14.7 days	Down from 17.2 days	10.1 days	10.9 days
School				
Principal's years at school	5.0	Up from 4.0	5.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	22.9 to 1	Down from 23.6 to 1	20.2 to 1	19.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.1%	Down from 90.0%	90.3%	90.7%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	98.9%	Down from 100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Good	No change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$5,940	Down 3.6%	\$7,459	\$7,680
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	70.0%	Down from 72.0%	67.5%	66.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	69.0%	No change	66.5%	66.0%
ESEA composite index score	72.5	Up from 64.4	88.8	85.7

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.  
\*\*Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	30	99	70
Percent satisfied with learning environment	83.3%	83.8%	92.8%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	83.3%	85.5%	88.6%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	70.0%	80.8%	71.8%

\*Only students at the highest elementary school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

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REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

The Byrd Elementary faculty and staff continue working together to provide the best educational experience for our students. Our student population is increasing and is diverse. The curriculum is enriched with rigorous academic lessons that promote high student engagement. Teachers deliver instruction that prepares our students for academic success. The students receive ninety minutes of uninterrupted instruction for reading each day. They enjoy working in centers and receiving individual instruction. The curriculum also provides students opportunities to enjoy the arts and other exploratory classes.

In addition to academic initiatives, students participate in the Bully-Free Program and Character Education program, which reinforce good citizenship, self-esteem, and positive social interaction. Each month the Character Education program recognizes a student and a teacher who demonstrate the character word of the month.

Through several organized donation drives during the school year, the students at Byrd Elementary demonstrate a strong sense of compassion by raising funds and collecting items for those who are less fortunate.

Byrd Elementary has an active community partnership program. Many local businesses and churches give their time and resources to enhance our instructional program. Guest speakers supplement classroom activities in many academic areas, including local history. Our community partners sponsor the student and teacher of the month program, the K-Kids Club, and SPCA Character program. The students also enjoy many cultural experiences through the arts, such as the Augusta Symphony Orchestra Brass Trio and theater productions.

The teachers continue their instructional growth by participating in professional development on the school and district levels throughout the school year. Teachers continue to participate in professional development every early release Wednesday of each month. This training provides new instructional support for teachers to implement during their lessons.

The school’s Title I Plan continues to offer much needed support by providing one additional teacher, classroom instructional aides, student incentives, and technology initiatives. This plan, along with the PTO, provides support to assist our school with parental involvement.

Mrs. Danielle Cox, Byrd Elementary School’s Teacher of the Year, is her peers’ choice to represent our school in the District’s Teacher of the Year program. Mrs. Sharon Woodward was selected as this year’s support staff member of the year.

Byrd Elementary School’s mission remains to provide an education that enhances accountability, respect, and self - sufficiency through research-based instructional practices, parental involvement, and community support.

J. Russell Gunter, Principal  
Hannah McMullen, SIC Chairperson